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MARCH 29, 2026 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION | ARTIST: FRA ANGELICO

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, the Church commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem and the commencement of the Paschal Mystery. For over a month, we have engaged in prayer and fasting in preparation for the celebration of Easter, and now this Sunday, as we recall our Lord's Passion, we enter that final stage of preparation. This final proximate preparation is marked by the solemn procession and blessing of palm branches and the full proclamation of the Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. I believe this is a great opportunity to get a sneak peek into the graces God wants to give you in the celebration of Easter. Pay close attention to how the Mass today stirs your heart, especially the Gospel. We should enter into Holy Week and the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum with the expectation that God will come with power. This might be the culmination of a spiritual work that the Lord has been guiding throughout all of Lent, or it could be the beginning of something completely new. Either way, we should be sure, especially this week, to give God plenty of time and space to reveal Himself and His plan for our lives.

Altar of Repose: One of the unique opportunities of the Triduum celebration of the Passion and Resurrection comes in the form of the Altar of Repose, where we commemorate the vigil of prayer known as the Agony in the Garden. In this, we take the words of Christ to His disciples, "Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak," as an invitation and a challenge to unite our prayers and sufferings to the sacrifice and sufferings of Christ. At SJB we typically have the opportunity to "watch and pray" through our First Friday All-Night Adoration, but because of when Holy Week falls it is canceled for April. So whether you go to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening or not, I encourage everyone to stop in for even just 20 minutes to offer to Christ any sufferings or struggles so that they can be united to His sacrifice and be redeemed by grace. The Altar of Repose will be in the Parish Gathering Space from 7:00 PM – Midnight.

DSA: As of last weekend, we are nearing 50% of our goal, which is amazing. Thank you to all who have given, and if you have not, please prayerfully consider a gift. This fund supports so many diocesan services that complement and enhance our ministry at SJB, including Catholic Charities, Marriage and Family Services, seminarian formation, and ongoing priestly formation.

God Bless You,

Fr. Jack

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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Easter Triduum Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY-EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
No Daily Mass, Confession, or Adoration
6 PM | Mass
7:30 PM - 12 AM | Adoration at the Altar of Repose
In the Parish Gathering Space

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
No Daily Mass, Confession, or Adoration
3 PM | Liturgy
7 PM | Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY-THE EASTER VIGIL
No Daily Mass and Confession
9 PM | Mass
Please note pews will be reserved for those entering the Church and for their families.
Thank you for following the posted signage.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
9 AM & 11 AM | Mass

The Parish Office, will be closed on Thursday, April 2 - Monday, April 6.

- PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER
- MEN'S CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Our Parish is looking to fill two open positions. Please review the job descriptions, consider applying, or pass them along to someone who may be a good fit.

Most importantly, please pray that the Lord provides the right candidates for these roles.

APPLY HERE

SJ Beat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

MEN'S MINISTRY MORNINIG

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
6:00 AM
downstairs in the Parish Life Center
Join us as we strive to grow in faith, fraternity, and discipleship. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend—whether you've participated in the Men's Breakfast, *Exodus 90*, or are looking to get connected. Fr. Dan will share what's coming up for Men's Ministry and how you can get involved.

WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
after the 8 AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

Save the Date

MAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 5PM TO SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel
Due to Good Friday and Holy Saturday falling on the first Friday and Saturday of April, we will resume All-Night Adoration in May.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

"What we GIVE is what we have FROM the Lord" 1 Chronicles 29:14

Please scan the QR code or visit www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal to make a life-changing gift to DSA today!

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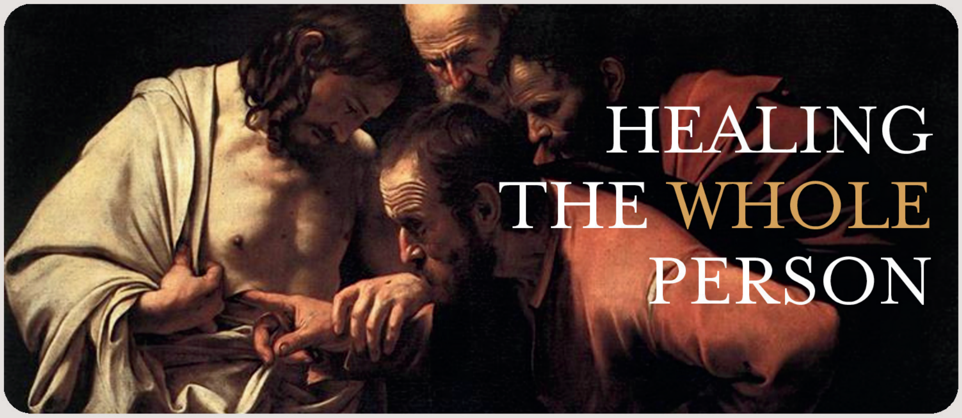

Encounter the Risen Christ this Easter Season and receive His healing and new life!

WHAT IS IT:
Healing the Whole Person is an 8-week series from the *John Paul II Healing Center* that invites you to explore the human heart, the wounds we carry, and the healing Christ desires to bring. Through video teachings from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, you'll be guided in reflection and prayer to receive Christ's healing love in your life.

WHEN IS IT:
Tuesday Evenings, April 14 - June 2
7:00–9:00 PM

WHO'S IT FOR:
For anyone desiring wholeness, freedom and an encounter with a loving Creator. Those who have participated in previous sessions are very welcome to return and go deeper in their relationship with Christ.

SCAN TO REGISTER:

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Equipping College Students, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, to Proclaim Jesus!

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FIND US ON CAMPUS AT WCC & EMU.

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

March 30th.....Easter Triduum FYI / Q&A Panel

April 4th.....Easter Vigil

April 6th.....Off - Easter Week

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

PRAY FOR THE SJB CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS!

We invite all parishioners to keep the Catechumens and Candidates in OCIA in your prayers in a special way. Please pray for them for protection, grace, support from our parish community, and lives that radiate the joy of knowing Jesus.

Thank you for accompanying them in prayer as they continue their journey into the fullness of the Catholic faith.

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY - CLOSES TUESDAY MARCH 31ST

You're invited to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI)—a 10–15 minute survey that helps diocesan and parish leadership reflect on discipleship and identify key strengths and opportunities. Your feedback will help guide future planning and priorities so our parish and diocese can better support people in knowing, loving, and serving Christ. Thank you for taking the time to participate!

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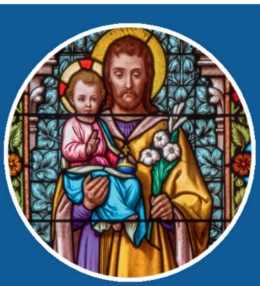

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ST. JOSEPH CLASSICAL (SJC) HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS 2026- 2027

New family registration begins April 1.

Grades 1–8: Faith-filled grammar program supporting academic and spiritual growth.
Grades 9–12: High school support classes in Biology, Chemistry, Civics, Theology, Literature, Quilting, and Carpentry, meeting once per week on Mon/Wed/Fri.

Contact Anna Nowaczewski: annan@sjypsi.com for calendar, class descriptions, and schedule.

SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP FOR SENIORS WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

Volunteer with us for a meaningful spring morning of service! Spend a few hours raking, trimming, and refreshing the yards of senior neighbors so they can continue aging safely at home. All ages are welcome, but minors need to be supervised by a responsible adult.

APRIL 25 (SIGN UP BY APRIL 18)
MAY 16 (SIGN UP BY MAY 9)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PREBORN & STILLBORN CHILDREN

On Saturday, May 2, join others who share your sorrow for a Catholic Mass in recognition of your loss, no matter what the circumstances, no matter how long ago, no matter what your relationship to the child.

- Names read aloud in our Prayers of the Faithful
- Flowers for each small soul
- Memorial Candles
- Anointing and blessing offered after Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 2 AT 9:00 AM
THOMAS THE APOSTLE, ANN ARBOR

RSVP VIA THE QR CODE

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall
Tom Moffit
Ben Hunt

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH
12:15 PM:† Donald Skidmore
Requested by Liz Richards

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST
6:00 PM: Intentions of the Firn Godchildren
Requested by Joe & Mary Firn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
8:00 AM: Intentions of Kristina Wakeman
Requested by Eileen Meyer

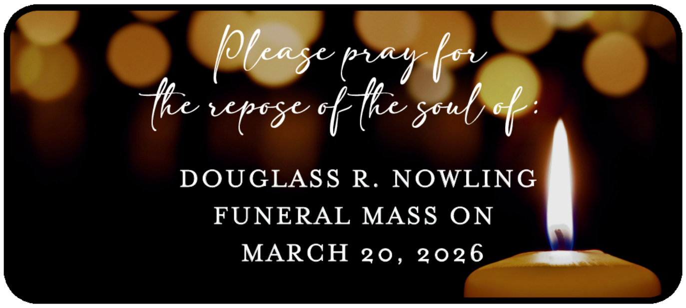
THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND
6:00 PM: *Holy Thursday*

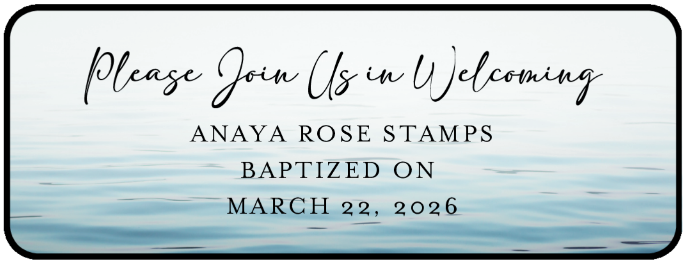
FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD
3:00 PM: *Good Friday*

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
9:00 PM: *Holy Saturday-the Easter Vigil*

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
9:00 AM: *Easter Sunday*

11 AM: *Easter Sunday*





Holy Week: The Hour of Our Visitation

Reflection written by Ikenna Njoku

Brothers and sisters, in this sixth and holiest of weeks we commemorate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In Luke 19:28-44, while the welcoming crowd was still outside the city walls of Jerusalem, we read: "As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes...;because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

This is the second time we see Jesus weeping openly: we read last Sunday that Jesus wept out of love over the death of His beloved friend, Lazarus (John 11:35), and here Jesus weeps in lamentation over His beloved city Jerusalem. Why did Jesus weep for the city? In his book, "Life of Christ," Venerable Fulton Sheen explains that Jesus wept because He knew that the chants of "Hosannas" would eventually change to "Crucify Him," and the palms would be turned into spears to strike His side. In the welcoming crowd were also Judases and the mob who would accuse him before Pilate. Exulted as He rode in, His throne would be a Cross, and His real coronation would be a Crucifixion. Many lay their garments at His feet today, but on Friday He would be stripped of His own garment. Today they call Him King and Lord, but Calvary awaited Him. This is why He wept for them, not because of the cross, but because of the destruction awaiting those He came to save, but who have rejected Him. He looked beyond His own suffering and fixed His eye on the city that rejected Love; filling His heart with anguish. To see evil and be unable to remedy it because of human perversity and stubbornness, is the greatest anguish of all. To see wickedness and be baffled by the waywardness of the evildoer is enough to break a heart. His tears showed that though He gives men graces, He also respects their freedom to reject them. But in disobeying His will, men destroy themselves; in stabbing Him, it is their own hearts they slay; in denying Him, it is their city they bring to ruin. Such was the message of His tears, as one who could raise a dead man but was unable to save His people from themselves "...because they did not recognize the hour of their visitation from God."

The hour of visitation is an important motif in the Bible. It refers to divine moments when God intervenes in human affairs for salvation, blessing, or judgment. These represent the "sacred windows" of opportunity in the life of every individual (and every nation) to encounter Christ, His mercy, love, and redeeming power in a more profound way. This is exactly what Holy Week is! It is an opportunity to enter into the mysteries of our salvation, to walk along with the Savior who stoops to the depths of our sin, misery and suffering to journey with us unto salvation. As we observe the sacred liturgies of this week, especially the Triduum, let us attend to the disposition of our heart. Let us recognize Christ's visitations with us in our own life, especially in our suffering. Let us accept His Love by offering our hearts anew to Him. So that, in His death and resurrection, we might also find the graces, healing, and restoration His sacrifice affords.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
APRIL 4TH & APRIL 5TH

SATURDAY 9:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Shawn Lenhardt	Need Volunteer	Aimee Uram-Taylor
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Stephen Bradley	Need Volunteer	Carol Wack
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Wendy Winnie
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Theresa Urbanic		
Kyle Whipple		
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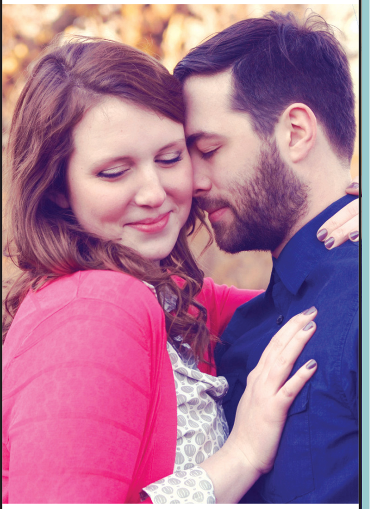

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